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JPL soils cleanup forum scheduled for June 20

A public meeting to discuss the proposed cleanup of soils at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory will be held at Eliot Middle School Auditorium, 2184 N. Lake Ave., Pasadena on Wednesday, June 20.

The summary presentation is set for 7 p.m., with an information forum running from 6 to 9 p.m. The public will have the opportunity to speak with National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA) and regulatory agency representatives and provide comments on the proposed cleanup actions.

The JPL site was added to the National Priorities List and became a "Superfund" site in 1992, after volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and other chemicals were found in the subsurface soil and groundwater.

NASA is proposing using soil vapor extraction as the preferred method to remove VOCs from the soil; that method

was used, apparently successfully, in a pilot test of the system at JPL.

Final decisions on the cleanup plans will be made after public comments have been received and considered. The public comment period has been extended to July 11, 2001. Written comments should be mailed or e-mailed to Peter Robles Jr. at NASA Management Office, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, 4800 Oak Grove Dr., Pasadena, CA 91101 (e-mail, probles@nmo.jpl.nasa.gov). Or, comments can be taken directly to the June 20 meeting.

Local residents who would like to review Superfund information can find it at the La Cañada Flintridge Library, 4545 Oakwood Ave., LCF (790-3330); Altadena Public Library, 600 E. Mariposa Ave., Altadena (626-798-0833); or the Pasadena Central Library, 285 E. Walnut St., Pasadena (626-744-4052).